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Why the TTC is beefing up security

TRANSIT SAFETY

Drivers facing more abuse; constables to ride along

Alex Boyd
Metro | Toronto

The TTC is beefing up security on buses and streetcars in the hopes riders will think twice about spitting at the driver.

In 2016 there were 285 assaults on transit operators in Toronto — a number that doesn't include verbal abuse. It's a problem that chief special constable Mark Cousins said has grown in recent years.

"The most common way an operator is assaulted is by spitting, and 34 per cent of assaults on operators involve getting spit on," he said.

"Then 31 per cent are physical. So, a slap on the hand, a punch in the face, some violent, some not as much."

Number of transit operators assaulted

In a December pilot project dubbed Bus Stop, constables boarded almost 400 buses on 7 different lines. Special attention was paid to routes where drivers had previously reported incidents.

Not surprisingly, passengers settled down.

"We found that people were more likely to pay their fares and not get in disputes if we were there in uniform, people were less likely to get into arguments," Cousins said.

Now, the TTC is making "targeted deployment" part of their regular routine. Meaning, they won't be on every bus, but will be dispatched to certain routes with a history of problems.

Last week, a video of a profanity-laden dispute between a street car driver and rider — who was trying to pay partly in Icelandic money, according to the video poster — went viral, illustrating the problems that can flare up on public transit.

Cousins said he hasn't seen the video, but pointed out that disputes over fares are the number one reason drivers get into arguments.

He said the driver's role is only to educate passengers about what the proper fare is, but that sometimes leads to the driver getting assaulted.

"It's pretty simple. It's $3.25 if you want to ride on the bus, basically. So why would there be a dispute about this?"

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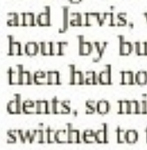

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A brewing legal battle could see parents pitted against the province over the lack of a French-language high school in their neighbourhood.

French-speaking families from Toronto's east end have formed a coalition to speak out about what they say is their right to be educated in either official language.

After years of community organizing and petition signing, the group retained a lawyer and say they're prepared to take their case all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada.

"Our kids, after Grade 6, have nowhere to go," said Lianne Doucet, whose three daughters studied at George-Etienne-Cartier in The Beaches until Grade 6.

The problem came when they graduated to secondary school. Doucet's eldest daughter Geneviève found a spot at College Français near Carlton and Jarvis, which is about an hour by bus. But the school then had no room for new students, so middle sister Isabelle switched to the English system.

The youngest, Marie-Eve, now goes to Saint-Frère-André in Roncesvalles, which requires a two-hour bus ride each way.

Lianne Doucet, left, and her daughters Marie-Eve, Isabelle and Geneviève. The daughters' French-language education ended after Grade 6. COURTESY PHIL VRIEND

"The other option was Monseigneur-de-Charbonnel in Newtonbrook. That's like going to school in Northern Ontario," Doucet said.

Families in the area started lobbying for a French-language secondary school back in 2007, but say the Ministry of Education hasn't responded to repeated requests for a meeting.

The group recruited lawyer Nicolas Rouleau, who argued a precedent-setting 2015 case before the Supreme Court of Canada. It was determined the British Columbia government had violated students' rights to "equitable education."

The court ruled that Rose-des-Vents, a French-language high school in West Vancouver, was not equal to other area English-language schools.

"We're not asking for the moon," said Doucet, noting many English-language high schools in the area are currently "sitting half-empty," so it should be easy to find space to accommodate them.

"We have enough French-speaking kids. Just give us a school that will offer equivalent education in their language."

MOVING FORWARD

More than 200 Francophone parents concerned about the issue of French-language instruction will gather next Wednesday for an info session.

Lawyer Nicolas Rouleau will be on hand to explain language rights in a minority environment, and the legal process that is about to take place.

The meeting will be held at Kaza Family Centre, 1386 Danforth Ave., beginning at 7 p.m.

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Pride vote 'confusing'

Black Lives Matter activist Janaya Khan organizes a sit-in during the Trans Pride March. EDUARDO LIMA/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Officers' role in parades unclear, says force official

The majority of attendees at Pride Toronto's annual general meeting Tuesday night voted to endorse the list of demands made by Black Lives Matter Toronto when the group stopped the 2016 Pride parade.

It's unclear whether the vote means that police floats and booths will be banned from all Pride marches, parades and community spaces, because the endorsement took place before the new board was elected. Pride Toronto members weren't available for comment Wednesday.

Toronto police spokesman Mark Pugash said police have not spoken to Pride Toronto about the meeting, and are unsure how the endorsement will affect their presence at the event.

"It's extremely confusing," Pugash said. "We're not commenting until we have some idea, some definitive idea from the organizers, as to what happened (at the meeting)."

Black Lives Matter brought the parade to a standstill for more than half an hour in July, refusing to move until Pride officials agreed to a list of nine demands — the most controversial being that Pride remove police floats and booths in all Pride marches, parades and community spaces.

Pride's then-executive director Mathieu Chantelois signed the list but told the Star the next day he had no intention of honouring the demands before consulting with the community. Pride has since met the demand of holding public town halls, which it did in August, and also issued an apology in September on how it handled the protest.

Major John Tory said he is hopeful that the issue surrounding police participation in the pride parade can be resolved.

"The Toronto police have had a presence in the Pride parade for more than a decade and continue to make meaningful efforts to build bridges with the LGBTQ2S community. Also, we rely on our police service to keep Pride safe every year and obviously they must continue to do so," he said in a statement Wednesday.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HOMES

Two years to gain 62 per cent in value

In a sign that Toronto's real estate market is off to a hot start this year, a home on Palmerston Ave. north of Bloor Street near Bathurst Street, has sold for 62 per cent more than the sellers paid two years ago.

The three-bedroom semi went for $1.375 million on Tuesday. In December 2014, it sold for a mere $851,750 — $523,250 less.

The home had been "beautifully renovated" before his clients bought it, said listing agent Bruce Cram Re/MAX Hallmark Realty.

It is in move-in condition with a trifecta of appealing features: three bathrooms, a garage and a basement apartment.

Homes on Palmerston, in the Seaton Village neighbourhood, have been selling in a similar price range but the profit realized in such a short period is exceptional.

Cram said the sale exceeded his expectations. The absence of competition was likely a contributor to the buyers' offering nearly $400,000 more than the $999,000 list price.

"This week, if you wanted to buy a move-in condition home, you had to buy this one," he said.

A semi-detached home on Palmerston Avenue (right side) sold for $1.375 million. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

There is also a disconnect, Cram said, between sellers and buyers. Consumers want to take advantage of low interest rates and strike before any new mortgage rules and restrictions can be introduced.

"Sellers seem to think you need to wait until the spring to sell. But buyers are ready. Buyers aren't waiting for the spring. Buyers are waiting for the right opportunity," he said.

Sales that appear exceptional are seldom one-offs, said Gurinder Sandhu, managing partner, Re/MAX Hallmark Realty.

"Toronto has really become the darling of global real estate," Sandhu said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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TRANSIT

Ridership growth flatlines

The TTC fell short of its ridership target last year, and transit officials are already warning that the agency could struggle to meet its goal in 2017.

At a meeting of the transit agency's board on Wednesday, TTC CEO Andy Byford confirmed that the organization carried 538 million passengers in 2016, 15 million fewer than it had budgeted for.

Byford blamed the disappointing numbers on economic factors, and said transit agencies across the continent are grappling with anemic ridership growth.

The slumping ridership cost the TTC $46 million in anticipated revenue. The effects of that shortfall have already been factored into the 2017 budget.

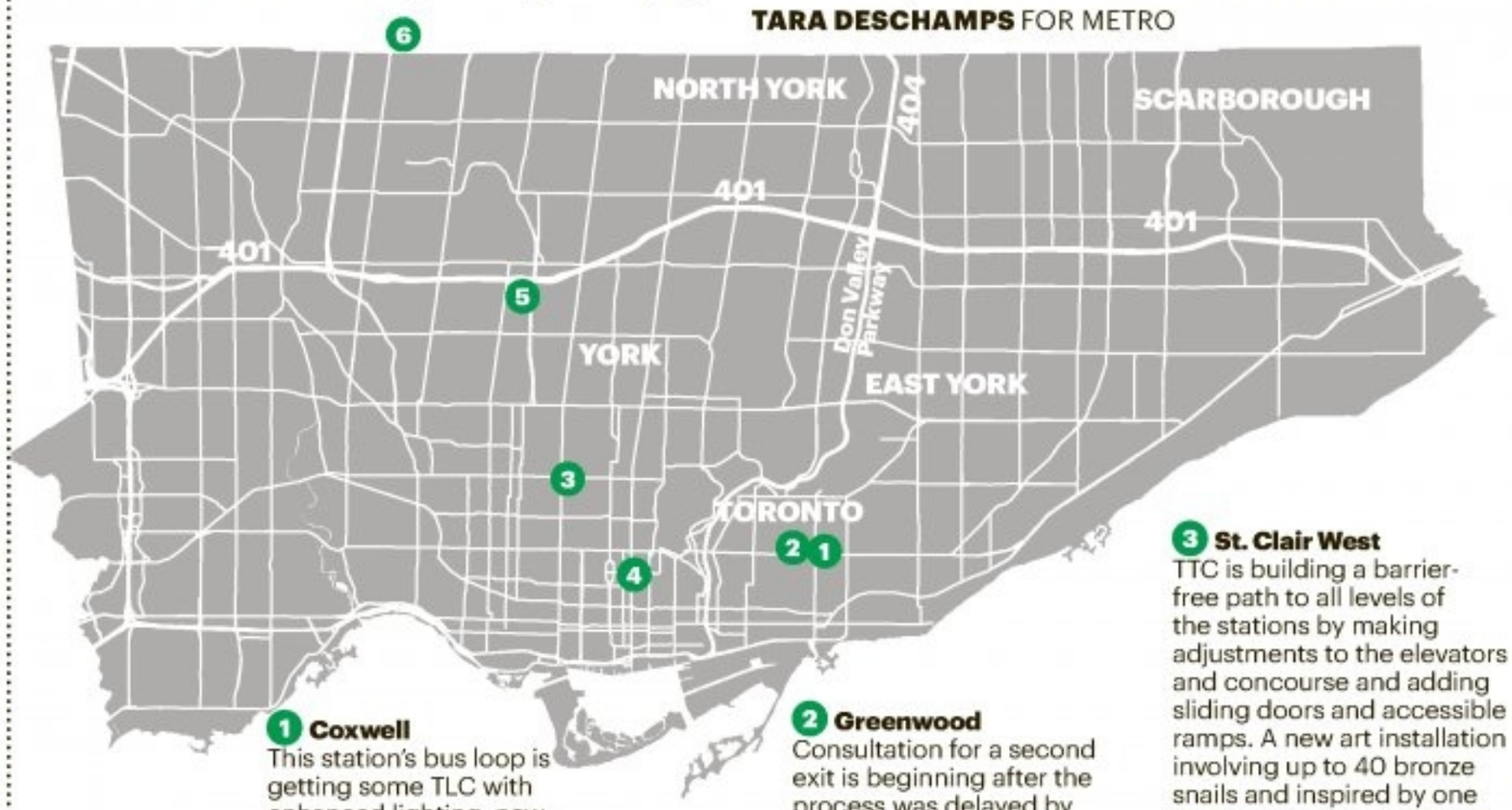
The TTC has known for months that it would miss its ridership target. The worrying trend was apparent early last year, and a report blamed the problem on lower-than-expected full-time job growth, slumping Metropass sales, and sluggish uptake of new TTC service.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A smoother commute

From elaborate art installations to new entrances, parking lots and turnstiles, many TTC stations will be getting an upgrade this year. Here's what's in store for your commute.

TARA DESCHAMPS FOR METRO



1 Coxwell
This station's bus loop is getting some TLC with enhanced lighting, new pavement and landscaping. Inside, they're installing sliding doors, two accessible fare gates and elevators.

2 Greenwood
Consultation for a second exit is beginning after the process was delayed by complaints to the city's ombudsman. The last location discussed for the exit was 15 Linnsmore Cres.

3 St. Clair West
TTC is building a barrier-free path to all levels of the stations by making adjustments to the elevators and concourse and adding sliding doors and accessible ramps. A new art installation involving up to 40 bronze snails and inspired by one of Pierre Berton's children's books will decorate the walls.

4 Wellesley
There's a second entrance coming to Dundonald Street and a mosaic art installation with colourful and curving tiles on a convex wall will give the station a fresh look.

5 Yorkdale
Construction on Yorkdale's TTC parking lot is expected to be finished this year, but there still isn't a completion date for the revival of the arc en ciel art piece made of curved rainbow glass tubes and LED lights that was removed in the mid-90s.

6 Vaughan Metropolitan Centre
The TTC's new subway station is expected to open this year. It will include a domed ceiling featuring a skylight art installation, a pick-up and drop-off area, a hub for York Region Transit buses and a green roof.

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Marissa McTasney, left, and Kristi Honey have organized a fleet of buses bringing Canadian women to the Women's March on Washington. Honey was spurred to action by Trump's comments about women. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Calling the cavalry

METRO FOCUS ACTIVISM!

Group of women organizes fleet of Canadians to bolster march

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

After Donald Trump was elected president of the United States, Kristi Honey couldn't stop crying.

"When I heard the words and saw the clips of him saying that it's perfectly fine if you're rich and powerful to just grab a woman, that really struck a nerve with me," she told Metro by phone from Washington, D.C.

Honey, who was sexually assaulted by a stranger on a business trip in 2008, couldn't understand how Americans could elect someone like that. But her despair turned to action when she learned about something called the Women's March on Washington.

"I realized that this is something tangible that I could do. That I do have a voice, and I can come here and I can support this stronger voice," she said.

Honey, along with Marissa McTasney and a small group of women, has organized eight busloads of Canadians, five from Toronto, who are making the trek to D.C. for the march.

Among the sea of pink "pussy" hats, a reference to Trump's comments on women, will be hundreds of red tuques and scarves, part of a "march kit" for the Canadians. It's hard to predict exact numbers, but it's looking like at least 600 Canadians will make the trip, said Honey.

They're numbers she never expected, and she was "very nervous" at one point that no one would turn up.

Fellow organizer Penelope Chester Starr will be "wrangling" hundreds onto buses leaving Toronto on Friday night. They will sleep on the bus and arrive for the march on Saturday morning.

"I don't know if I'm surprised; I'm more amazed that many people want to spend two nights on a bus to go march in D.C."

Honey, who has never been an advocate or attended a march like this before, said she's heard from a lot of women who have stories similar to hers.

> **I'm very excited; I feel like I'm five years old and Christmas is coming around the corner.**
> Penelope Chester Starr

"About experiencing sexual assault, or even that that rhetoric is what drove them to action," she said.

She and McTasney arrived Monday and have been "working 20 hours a day" to co-ordinate.

For the most part, Americans they've run into are thankful for the support from their northern neighbours. Even Republicans have been cordial.

"We've had complete strangers hugging us multiple times," Honey said.

FOLLOW ALONG

Metro's joining the Washington, D.C.-bound bus tour to capture all the action on the road. You can follow May Warren's coverage at metronews.ca and on Twitter via @maywarren11.

Mad as hell but can't make it to Washington?

There's plenty happening in Toronto to mark Donald Trump's inauguration.

TARA DESCHAMPS FOR METRO

TORONTO WOMEN'S MARCH
Jan. 21, 12 p.m., Queen's Park
Meant to mirror the march in Washington, Toronto's iteration will aim to speak out against a rise in the mistreatment of minorities and women since Trump's election. Thousands are expected to travel a 1.4-kilometre route from Queen's Park to Nathan Phillips Square.

SOLIDARITY RALLY AGAINST HATE
Jan. 20, 12 p.m., 360 University Ave.
Plans are underway for a rally outside the U.S. Consulate that bills itself as a chance to "let the world and our American friends know that we stand with them against hate, bigotry, climate-change denial and endless war."

UNITED AGAINST TRUMP TOWN HALL
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Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m., 279 Yonge St.
Queen's University alumni will host a discussion at the Hard Rock Café around what Donald Trump's presidency means for the future of domestic affairs and global security, featuring political-studies professor Kim Nossal.

'BEAVER POWER' PROTEST THE CANADIAN WAY

Annabel Vaughan and girlfriend Jane Farrow have collaborated on a design that incorporates some wise words from Nellie McClung.

The couple is attending the Women's March on Washington this weekend and wanted to stand out in the crowd.

"You want to send out a message and we wanted to be Canadian," said Farrow. "We just started thinking, what's a really great piece of advice that Canadian feminists could give American feminists as they stare down a really horrible four years and some potentially very scary roll-backs."

The pair held a party for friends who are also going to the march, silkscreening the design onto T-shirts, tote bags and whatever they're planning on wearing. They're meeting up in Washington with "a cadre of Canadians," who will definitely stand out in the crowd.

"It's an amazing beaver convergence," said Farrow with laugh. "Beaver power." MAY WARREN/METRO

Urge to act spans generation gap

Jo-Anne Miller is one of hundreds of women in the GTA who will board buses in downtown Toronto late Friday night for the nearly 10-hour bus ride to D.C. for the Women's March on Washington.

She's not quite sure what she'll pack yet, but her reasons for making the trip are clear.

"I just need to do something, I couldn't just stand by and do nothing," she said. "This is an historic moment, and I want to be part of it."

Miller, who is in her 50s, is part indigenous and is looking forward to connecting with other indigenous women there.

She's worried about what kind of world she'll be leaving for her children and grandchildren with Trump in charge of climate change and pipeline issues and laughed when asked about his positions on indigenous people.

"He's not going to be there for indigenous people," she said. "We can't even get women's rights."

She's also looking forward to making the trip with younger women, like her friend and co-worker Jocelyn Murphy, 24.

Jocelyn Murphy and Jo-Anne Miller. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Though they're from different generations, they share similar concerns on climate change and women's rights.

Murphy remembers watching the U.S. election with friends and the "grey cloud" that seemed to hang over the city the next day.

"It was basically so devastating," she said.

"Generations of women and men have just been working so hard to make America more progressive and more open. This could be all undone."

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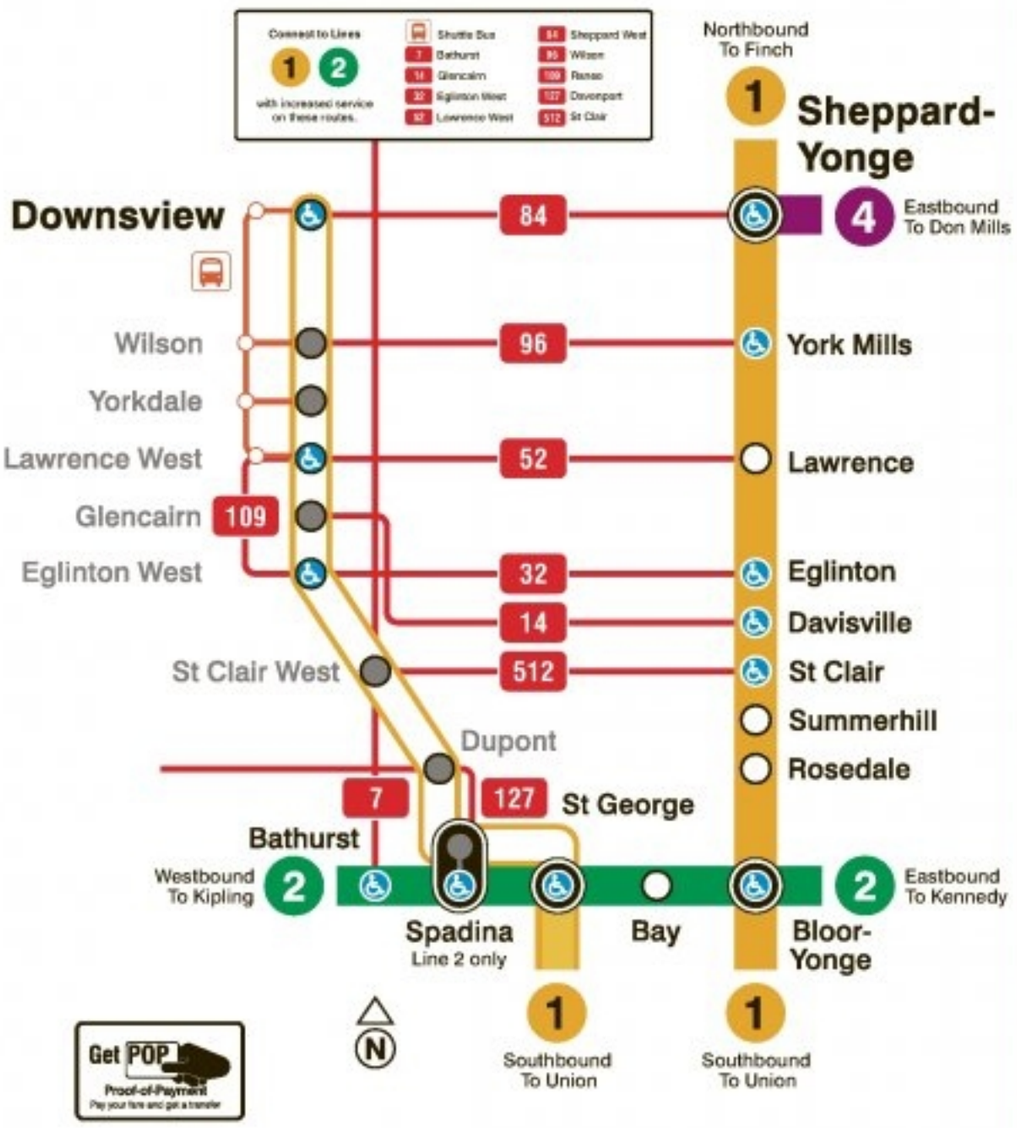

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Why 'bricks and clicks go together'

BUSINESS

Canadian merchants need online presence more than ever

Nichole Jankowski
For Metro
THE RETAIL INSIDER

The head of Canada's retail council is comparing Amazon Prime's expansion north of the border to Walmart's entry into the market in the mid-'90s.

"The side effect of having one of the retail giants come into the Canadian market was that a majority of retailers went 'OK, I need to look at my business and I need to get better,' " said Diane J. Brisebois. "It's forcing Canadian merchants to invest more seriously in their online business."

Consumer behaviour tells us that retailers can no longer expect to operate a successful store without a website or at least an active presence on social media.

More than a quarter of Canadians surveyed don't trust a business without a website, according to the Canadian Internet Registration Authority's state of e-commerce report. Online platforms are now doing much of what stores have traditionally done — displaying merchandise, communicating product information and pricing and processing transactions. And, 34 per cent of people say they like to browse in-store but will go online to get the best deal, according to the CIRA report.

As a result, stores are fast becoming little more than showrooms.

That may seem like a dire prediction for the future of retail, but we need only look at the empty luxury flagships in Shanghai and Beijing to see how business fails when people don't buy domestically.

These are the kind of trends that prompted the City of Toronto to launch Digital Main Street last year to help local businesses go — and — grow online.

The program offers everything from digital assessments to discounted services and software for small businesses. It's built around the idea that, as Toronto economic development officer Nirvana Champion puts it, "bricks and clicks go together."

Yet, according to Statistics Canada, only 42 per cent of small businesses had a website in 2013 (whether the site had e-commerce capabilities was not recorded). While that number has surely risen, it's still shockingly low and a reason to be worried.

Champion, though, remains optimistic about the future. There's one thing online will never have, she said.

"That in-store experience, that unique, neighbourhood vibe that we have in Toronto, I don't think that that will be replaced."

90%

Canadians spent $17.9 billion US buying goods online last year, according to Euromonitor International — a 90 per cent increase from 2013. In those same years, offline retail sales in Canada grew by just over five per cent.

Fresh off Toronto's success as a shooting location for blockbusters like Suicide Squad, Mayor John Tory is returning to Los Angeles to court movie and TV business. CONTRIBUTED

ENTERTAINMENT

Selling Toronto to Tinseltown

With Toronto coming off another banner year for film and TV production, Mayor John Tory is returning to Los Angeles to court digital upstarts and studios deciding on shooting locations.

Tory will lead about two dozen entertainment industry and university representatives to L.A. from Monday to Wednesday — double the mayor's contingent when he made the first L.A. trade mission last February.

While that trip focused on big production houses that keep Toronto studios, technicians, carpenters and others busy with blockbusters such as Suicide Squad, next week's itinerary includes a stop at Netflix, the subscription service producing its own content, and cable and independent features companies including HBO.

Landing three days after Donald Trump becomes U.S. president, the Toronto contingent will also meet with executives from Annapurna Pictures, founded by Megan Ellison and known for films including Zero Dark Thirty.

"Toronto is uniquely positioned to appeal to a female-driven, high-end independent studio with recent homegrown Oscar winners Room and Spotlight," according to an itinerary for the trip. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Daniel Ilmer, co-owner of memorabilia and collectibles store Muzeum, holds the Order of Canada insignia up for sale.
SAMMY HUDES/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rare Order medal on sale at shop

HERITAGE

Legalities hazy for store listing insignia at $25,000

An Order of Canada medal is currently up for sale, but although its current holders are hoping to profit from the item's rarity on the market, the legalities of selling it are hazy.

The insignia is listed for $25,000 by Yorkville-based collectibles and memorabilia company Muzeum, a store under the umbrella of The Great Canadian Roadshow.

"It's incredibly rare," said company co-owner Daniel Ilmer. "We've never even heard of anybody bringing one in and when we saw it, it was something that was so rare that we knew it was something that needed to be snatched up."

There is no Criminal Code provision that forbids the sale of an insignia of the Order of Canada.

But unlike certain honours, such as military decorations or medals which become property of the recipients once awarded, Order of Canada symbols are presented to recipients in trust, according to Rideau Hall spokesperson Marie-Pierre Bélanger.

"As a result, neither Order members nor their families may sell, or otherwise dispose of, Orders insignia," said Bélanger. "Normally, in situations like these, our office would contact the seller to retrieve the insignia."

The officer's insignia of the Order of Canada. CONTRIBUTED

Bélanger wouldn't comment on how Rideau Hall would enforce that rule if the seller refuses to take a medal off the market "due to confidentiality reasons."

Christopher McCreery, a historian who's studied the Order's history for 20 years, said he's heard of about 10-15 instances of people selling the insignia.

The first known public sale happened in 1981 when the companion's insignia awarded to M.J. Coldwell, co-founder of the CCF party. This prompted a motion in the House of Commons to "deplore the sale of the Order of Canada which ... should not be used for financial gain."

There have been more than 6,000 recipients since the Order of Canada was created in 1967 and there are three levels to the award.

The current insignia up for sale was awarded to an officer of the Order of Canada, the honour's second-highest rank, which "recognizes national service or achievement."

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HEALTH

Blood donor criteria 'outdated': Advocates

Canada is looking at changing the way it screens prospective blood donors, so that eligibility for men would no longer depend on whom they choose to sleep with.

Advocacy groups have criticized the country's rules — which list a year of abstinence as donor eligibility criteria for men who have had sex with another man — as outdated.

At a meeting next week in Toronto, local and international researchers will explore new blood screening methods, like behaviour-based screening. The gathering is funded by Health Canada, which gave $3 million to Héma-Quebec and the Canadian Blood Services, for research on "non-discriminatory practices."

Canada's blood donation rules were updated this past summer, shortening the timeline a man was required to wait after having sex with another man to one year from five, providing he meets all other requirements to donate blood. Up until 2013, a man who had sex with another man was banned from donating blood in Canada for life.

DATA GAP

Canadian Blood Services' website said that there is a gap in health data on men who have sex with men that are considered low risk.

Canada's current rules don't just restrict men who have sex with men from giving blood, but impact their ability to donate organs as well.

Ross FitzGerald, a spokesperson for Canadian Blood Services, said "a focused effort toward evidence-based change is most certainly underway."

Gary Lacasse, executive director of the Canadian AIDS Society, thinks the current regulations are discriminatory, but believes Canadian data is needed to change protocol. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Why Canada is sending immigrants back home

LAW

Permanent residency revoked over non-compliance

Canada's immigration law requires permanent residents to be physically present in Canada for at least 730 days in every five-year period. COURTESY GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

1,423

Average number of Canadian immigrants who are intercepted at the border each year and ordered removed from the country for residency non-compliance.

An average of about 1,400 Canadian immigrants are intercepted at the border each year and ordered removed from the country for not fulfilling their residency obligations, Torstar has learned.

Although these newcomers can appeal to a tribunal to restore their permanent resident status, only one in 10 succeeds, according to government data.

"The tribunal is supposed to be immigrants' last resort as the Parliament has given it the discretionary power to give immigrants a second chance if they breach the law," said immigration lawyer Lawrence Wong, who obtained the data through an access to information request.

"But that second chance in reality is hard to come by. The national sentiment is pretty much the same. If you are an immigrant, don't make a mistake. If you do, we want to see you kicked out."

Canada's immigration law requires permanent residents to be physically present in Canada for at least 730 days in every five-year period in order to maintain their status. Otherwise, their residency will be revoked.

According to the Canada Border Services Agency, on average 1,423 permanent residents a year were stopped at the border for failing the requirement from 2010 to 2014, the most recent statistics available. During the period, Canada accepted some 260,000 newcomers annually.

The number of removal orders issued against these individuals had risen sharply to 1,413 in 2014 from 605 in 2008, when former Conservative Immigration Minister Jason Kenney cracked down on fraud.

Across Canada, Quebec had the highest detection rate; more than a third of the removal orders were issued in the province.

Between 2008 and 2014, a total of 3,575 immigrants were slapped with removal orders for residency non-compliance at Pierre Elliot Trudeau airport in Montreal, dwarfing the 439 and 972 people respectively intercepted at Toronto's Pearson airport and the Vancouver International Airport.

The numbers do not include those who had their permanent residency revoked due to criminality and misrepresentation, who were refused travel documents to return or who voluntarily relinquished their permanent residence. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Boyden appearance cancelled in Edmonton

Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

A scheduled appearance by Joseph Boyden in Edmonton, Alta. has been cancelled after hearing concerns from local indigenous elders about the author.

Boyden, who was scheduled to present at the city-sponsored Winter Cities Shake-Up conference in February, came under fire in December after an investigation by the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) questioned his claims of indigenous ancestry.

The Winter Cities Shake-Up will showcase Edmonton's winter-city strategies. Boyden, who was to share stories of winter, was scheduled prior to APTN's investigation.

But Boyden will nonetheless be coming to Edmonton. The author is scheduled to speak at an Edmonton Public Library event on April 27.

Tina Thomas, the library's executive director of strategy and innovation, said officials discussed whether to cancel, but quickly decided Boyden will still speak.

Mayors gather to face fentanyl crisis head-on

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Canada's big-city mayors will gather in Ottawa this week to tackle the growing fentanyl crisis.

Mainstreet/Postmedia released a poll that surveyed 6,103 Canadians in ten cities about whether they would approve the opening of a supervised injection site.

The majority of respondents in seven of the ten cities said they would approve of such sites, while those surveyed in Regina and Saskatoon said they would not.

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Inaugural address needs to unify U.S.

GOVERNMENT

Experts say speech should be 'inherently inspirational'

Tradition suggests it's time for Donald Trump to set aside the say-anything speaking style and rise to the inaugural moment.

But bucking tradition, or ignoring it altogether, is what got Donald Trump to his inaugural moment.

When Trump stands on the west front of the Capitol on Friday and delivers his inaugural address, all sides will be waiting to see whether he comes bearing a unifying message for a divided nation or decides to play up his persona as a disrupter of the established order.

How Trump tends to that balancing act, in both style and content, will be a telling launch for his presidency.

"The inaugural is an address that is meant for the ages," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, a communications professor and director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania. "In particular, it's important when you've had a divisive election. You need to become president of all of the people."

> **It's important when you've had a divisive election. You need to become president of all of the people.** Kathleen Hall Jamieson

Trump seems to get that. He's spoken admiringly in recent weeks about the speeches of past presidents Ronald Reagan and John F. Kennedy, and is said to be deeply involved in preparing his address.

Trump told Fox on Tuesday that he'll start his address with words of thanks to "everybody," including President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, for being "so gracious."

The president-elect showed he can deliver a straight-forward, prepared address at the Republican convention, where he largely stuck to a script and shut down anti-Hillary Clinton chants of "lock her up."

But that address was strikingly dark in tone, sketching a portrait of an America in crisis, and he later embraced that chant from supporters at his freewheeling campaign rallies.

The inaugural address, by contrast, needs to be "an inherently aspirational speech," said Michael Gerson, who wrote speeches for President George W. Bush and is a frequent Trump critic. "It has to be about the future and about your vision."

Veteran speechwriters have plenty of other advice for Trump and his chief wordsmith, Stephen Miller. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUSEUMS SNAPSHOTS OF HISTORY Museum Selfie Day came and went on Wednesday, as prominent museums worldwide encouraged attendees to snap shots of themselves with artefacts. Here's a few selfies seen around the world.

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GLOBAL WARMING

The world keeps on turning and burning

Earth heated up to a third-straight record hot year in 2016, with scientists mostly blaming man-made global warming with help from a natural El Nino that's now gone.

Two U.S. agencies and international weather groups reported Wednesday that last year was the warmest on record. They measure global temperatures in slightly different ways, and came up with a range of increases, from minuscule to what top American climate scientists described as substantial.

They're "all singing the same song even if they are hitting different notes along the way. The pattern is very clear," said Deke Arndt of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

NOAA calculated that the average global temperature for 2016 was 58.69 degrees (14.84 degrees Celsius) — beating the previous year by 0.07 degrees (0.04 Celsius).

NASA's figures , which include more of the Arctic, are higher at 0.22 degrees (0.12 Celsius) warmer than 2015. The Arctic "was enormously warm, like totally off the charts compared to everything else," said Gavin Schmidt, director of NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Studies.

The British meteorological office determined that 2016 beat 2015 by 0.018 degrees (0.01 Celsius). The World Meteorological Organization and other groups agreed that 2016 was a record, with the international weather agency chief Petteri Taalas saying "temperatures only tell part of the story" of extreme warming.

The figures are based on ground-level temperatures. Satellite calculations also showed that it was the warmest year, Schmidt said. Temperature records go back to 1880. This is the fifth time in a dozen years that the globe has set a new annual heat record. Records have been set in 2016, 2015, 2014, 2010 and 2005. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Outgoing Obama's optimism

"We're going to be OK."

In the final minutes of his final presidential news conference, Barack Obama insisted he's not just tossing out reassuring platitudes about the nation's future.

It's what he really believes.

"This is not just a matter of no-drama Obama," he said. "It is true that behind closed doors I curse more than I do publicly. And sometimes I get mad and frustrated like everybody else does. But at my core, I think we're going to be OK."

It is what he chose as the parting message for what is most likely his last extended remarks as president.

Processing the November election results in an intensely personal frame, Obama spoke at length about how his daughters, Sasha and Malia, felt about Donald Trump's election.

"They don't mope," he said — a noteworthy comment to come from any parent of teenage girls.

"We've tried to teach them hope," Obama said. "The only thing that is the end of the world is the end of the world."

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President Barack Obama held a final press conference Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S.

George H.W. Bush and wife hospitalized

Former President George H.W. Bush was admitted to the intensive care unit of a Houston hospital with pneumonia, and his wife, Barbara, was hospitalized as a precaution after suffering fatigue and coughing. The 92-year-old former president, who had been hospitalized since Saturday, underwent a procedure, family spokesman Jim McGrath said.

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LUKE SAVAGE ON CHANNELLING DESPAIR

When dark clouds gather on the political horizon, I believe the most radically constructive thing anyone can do is to take democracy seriously.

If there was a dominant emotion among my friends, family, acquaintances, and coworkers on the morning of November 9th, 2016, it was most definitely despair.

The surprising victory of Donald Trump — which defied the predictions of all the supposed experts, pollsters, and political professionals — felt like a sudden kick to the solar plexus right before a desperately needed gasp of air. It wasn't our country, of course, but even the most disinterested among us immediately knew politics was soon going to feel a lot more present in our daily lives whether we liked it or not.

Cynicism about politics is as common as white bread. But cynicism is by its very nature a passive thing. Despair can be visceral and even painful. That the sheer ugliness of a figure like Donald Trump could prevail in an election to lead the world's most powerful country has evinced something more potent than cynicism, even among people usually uninterested by politics. The same questions have seemed to be on everyone's minds ever since: How do we respond? What can we do? What can I do?

When dark clouds gather on the political horizon, I believe the most radically constructive thing anyone can do is to take democracy seriously.

If this sounds like a simple cliché or truism, consider how much we've seen democracy decline — here in Canada, in America and around the world — over the past few decades.

More and more, our politicians have preferred to speak like managers rather than leaders, demoting themselves to ever more passive roles, and preferring to tinker and administer rather than take up the hard work of building a better society. They've brought in PR consultants to write their scripts, let pollsters and focus groups — rather than good arguments or values — dominate their decision-making, and turned public engagement into a marketing exercise. Election campaigns have increasingly become expensive set-pieces that offer people an ever narrower range of choices, albeit wrapped in shinier and shinier packaging.

As this process has unfolded whole communities have been transformed, as if by some invisible hand. In former industrial hubs like Ontario and Michigan, towns founded on making and building things shed jobs and wealth almost overnight. City cores are fast becoming too expensive for their own workforces to actually live in and badly paid retail and service work is increasingly taking the place of the factories and workshops that once were.

Hundreds of Berliners climb on top of the wall at Brandenburg on Nov. 11, 1989. When people unite to fight for freedom and democracy, political despair can eventually give way to jubilation. It has happened before. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

In the midst of the jarring political, social and cultural changes of recent decades — virtually all of them accompanied by encouraging slogans about economic growth and new technology — very few among us have developed a greater sense of being able to control or shape our own lives. The democratic idea that politics has any collective moral purpose, let alone the notion it can be used by regular people to influence the courses of their own lives, has been steadily and catastrophically eroded.

All this breeds a cynicism that can easily fester into despair. In at least one sense, then, Trump's election didn't produce the despair that followed in its wake so much as force it out into the open.

But amidst such despair, there can be signs of hope.

My own sense of resignation and dread in the days and weeks following Trump's victory slowly gave way to a cautious feeling of optimism. And it wasn't the comforting (and in retrospect, naive) optimism my younger self had felt exactly eight years earlier after the last transformative U.S. election. Instead, it was the feeling that people's collective shock and outrage, coupled with a sense that many things badly need to change, might actually reinvigorate democracy.

It's easy to forget that politics don't begin and end when we vote in an election every few years. They're around us every day in our cities, workplaces, neighbourhoods, communities and social movements — conducted not by political professionals but by regular people, often strangers, forming ad hoc coalitions and campaigning for progress and change, large and small.

This process, more than anything else, is what feeds democracy and compels political elites, willingly or otherwise, to take it seriously.

It's the only thing that ever has.

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"Some of the most profound understandings about our world emerge from ordinary people coming together and organizing for change. Collective forms of activism and organizing can be incubators for ideas and alternative visions that question the status quo, lead us to better understand the root causes of problems and also help us to think through, the possibilities and ways to make change."

Prof. Aziz Choudry, author of Learning Activism: The Intellectual Life of Contemporary Social Movements

VICKY MOCHAMA

How to keep the fires burning?

The most notable thing about John Lewis isn't that he used to work with Martin Luther King or that he has recently become the president-elect's favourite new punching bag.

It's that he's still protesting.

In June last year, Lewis led Democrats in a 25-hour sit-in on the floor of the House of Representatives over a gun-control bill. Fifty-two years after Lewis and hundreds of others were violently attacked by police while crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, he is still getting into what he calls "good trouble."

Sustaining that kind of activist passion for half a century isn't easy. If the work of campaigning for change wasn't hard enough, activists then struggle with compassion fatigue, poverty and mental health.

At a certain point, the work becomes all-consuming — and not in the best ways. In the book "What's the Point of Revolution if We Can't Dance?" dozens of activists speak candidly about their challenges.

Says one: "Who tells us when it's too much? Where to go after, and beyond activism …when our identity is so tied up with being an activist? And where is the space to go? To go home?"

Burnout can push people away. Friends of mine who started their careers in the charitable and activist sectors ended up quitting. Not because they didn't love the work or want to change the world; they simply could no longer bear it.

Of course there are structural fixes to be made. Workplaces can modify their structures and policies. Donors and governments can develop more predictable funding cycles (money, and the lack of it,is an ever-present stress).

Many of the movements that have caught our attention in the last few years were not driven by professional activists. The women of Idle No More, the black queer youth of Black Lives Matter, the citizens of the Standing Rock Sioux — they had taken time from their paying jobs and put in energy outside of work hours.

But after the public spotlight, it is these campaigners who will be left with the social, financial and emotional scars of their moment. Maintaining any gains and preventing losses will require self-care.

For those who demand radical change, self-care is a radical act. It is recognizing that political wins can have personal losses.

It takes an incredible amount of courage to speak up and speak out. It takes even more to know when to step back from the microphone.

This is the kind of self-love and resiliency that has kept John Lewis on the frontlines of protest.

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A cartoonish life that was too real

INTERVIEW

The bestseller who dabbled in bondage and cannibalism

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Cartoonist Joe Ollmann first discovered William Seabrook's biography in a zombie anthology 11 years ago, and was instantly taken. Seabrook — the American who is credited with introducing the word "zombie" into contemporary culture with his 1929 bestselling book The Magic Island — was a he-man adventurer who travelled with the Bedouin.

He also hung out with various intellectuals and artists of the era, including Gertrude Stein, Man Ray and Aldous Huxley.

But the more Ollmann dug into the details of Seabrook's life, the more salacious the details got. He discovered an unrepentant alcoholic with an equally unrepentant and sadistic penchant for bondage. Oh, and he once tried cannibalism.

"It's not the aberrations that interest me so much as it is his honesty in writing about them," says Ollmann, who is from Hamilton, Ont. "In a very repressed time during the '30s and '40s, this guy's writing openly about bondage and cannibalism for major publishers and places like Ladies Home Journal. People hide their weirdness and he never did."

For five years, Ollmann read everything about and by Seabrook he could get his hands on, including his first book, Adventures in Arabia, about his time living in the Middle East, and Asylum, which chronicles Seabrook's voluntary stay in a mental hospital for alcoholism.

"He had this crazy fascinating life but no one knows about him," says Ollmann, who then spent another five years dedicated to researching the writer's life for his new graphic novel, The Abominable Mr. Seabrook.

While gathering background information, Ollmann travelled to the University of Oregon, which houses the archives of Seabrook's second wife, novelist Marjorie Worthington.

In her writings and letters, Ollmann discovered a harsher side of the man, which doesn't appear in his own books.

"He tells his stories very blithely, and puts it in these very humourous terms," Ollmann says.

"Her perspective is much darker. I didn't want to portray him as all bad, but there is a lot of bad to be said. It is hard to live with a person who is an alcoholic. He never showed it but other people did, so it was only fair for me to show it, too."

One of the inadvertent effects of working on The Abominable Mr. Seabrook was that Ollmann himself quit drinking.

While labouring away in his home studio at night, Ollmann would keep a bottle of whisky or cognac on hand for sipping, and although he stopped mostly for health purposes and not directly because of Seabrook: "I was constantly writing and drawing him drinking. There are so many pictures of him drinking because it was so much part of his story," he says. "I got sick of drawing and showing someone ruining their life with booze."

Seabrook died in 1945 from taking an overdose of sleeping pills — by which point his work was basically forgotten.

Ollmann speculates that Seabrook's downfall was in part due to his alcoholism, but also because, later in life, he gave up his adventuring ways, settling down in the Hudson Valley to present teatime talks to social groups.

His is a cautionary tale indeed, but Ollmann — who recently illustrated the covers and wrote introductions for reissues of Seabrook's The Magic Island and Asylum — really wants people to discover the man's writing.

"His first books are wonderful, adventure-travel books," Ollmann says. "He wrote about trashy subjects but he wrote about them smarter than you would have expected."

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INTERVIEW

Why icon Buffy Sainte-Marie is still making a social impact

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Buffy Sainte-Marie has told the stories of outliers and underdogs throughout her career and organizers at the Juno Awards say it's time to recognize the singer's contributions to the community.

The four-time Juno winner and social activist will be this year's recipient of the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award, an honour reserved for Canadian musicians who've left a positive social impact.

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences says Sainte-Marie "exemplifies the essence of humanitarianism" with her dedication to protecting indigenous communities. She's also provoked conversation through songs like her 1964 anti-war peace anthem Universal Soldier.

Sainte-Marie also founded the Nihewan Foundation for Native American Education in 1969, a non-profit initiative to improve education and awareness of the cultures.

"A long time ago I figured out I have enough money to probably have three meals a day for the rest of my life," Sainte-Marie says. "So I wanted to put my money to work early." Speaking from her Hawaiian home, Sainte-Marie talked about nonprofits and protest songs.

Buffy Sainte-Marie will be the first indigenous woman to win the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award at the Junos in April. HANDOUT

You've been a tireless voice for causes throughout your career, but fewer people know about why you created the Nihewan education foundation. How did it happen?
Before I was ever a singer I was a teacher. I got my teaching degree (and) a degree in Oriental philosophy. Because I had a personal interest — and the advantage of a scholarship about indigenous issues — that probably had something to do with it. (The feeling) has stayed with me always through my career, going in and out of the aboriginal community ... building a bridge between cultures.

You've been a voice for the indigenous community but it's never fully defined your career. Did you pursue a balance that also factors in your pop and folk influences?
I've had over 50 years of that kind of double perception, which is very nice for me. I think my real work has been in the realm of thought. I really feel as though ... I've changed the way some people think about war, alternative conflict resolution and indigenous issues. I did it early and I've done it consistently because I really do care.

With Donald Trump headed to the White House do you expect more protest songs to emerge from discontent gestating in some communities?
I wish. There were a lot of people in the Civil Rights movement who just showed up because it was the popular thing to do. It became "hip" to seem like you were part of that. There are a lot of people, for instance, who go to Standing Rock and confuse it with Burning Man. My question to all the other great songwriters in the world is: Where are your protest songs? Now that Donald Trump is (elected) are you going to start writing them now? I mean, where was your protest song last year? And the year before? Some people are consistently aware of the world and trying to share their best contributions. Other people just show up when somebody's handing out free gifts at the party.

Are you writing any new material?
I'm working on an album that should be out sometime this year called Medicine Songs. (It's) grouping real positive songs like, Carry it On, We Are Circling, Starwalker, together with my best-known protest songs about contemporary issues.

What inspires you to stay motivated to keep writing?
Kind of depends on where I am. When I'm in Hawaii it's just nature. I live with a lot of animals and plants and nature is "vitamin green" for me. I also have a double life. I'm home for two weeks, I'm on the road for two weeks. What motivates me are the same things that motivated me in the beginning. I respond to the world, I fall in love like everybody else. I see things that need change and I think the world is always ripening.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Few dry eyes on farewell tour

THE SHOW: Barack Obama's farewell tour (Youtube)
THE MOMENT: The tears

There was the moment when Barack Obama, in one of his final acts as US president, surprised his vice-president, Joe Biden, with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The aide whom Obama asked to read the citation was young and female (he's always been savvy).

"In a career of public service spanning nearly half a century," she began, Biden has "fought for a stronger middle class... combatted violence against women...and safeguarded [America] from corruption."

It was both a sincere tribute to Biden and a subtle nose-thumb to the guy being sworn in on Friday, who has not served, and may not safeguard.

There was the medley of gospel songs in the ABC special Taking the Stage, (Jan. 12): His Eye is on the Sparrow, Stand, Heaven (I'm Going There). Most African Americans in the audience, including the Obamas, knew every word — a reminder of the common language that Black church-goers share.

But my favourite was the moment Obama turned to his wife during his final address, in Chicago.

"Michelle," he said, and paused to let the crowd cheer. He held her eyes throughout. She mouthed, "Love you," but didn't let herself cry.

He cried, though. He was never shy about crying. His voice broke on this line: "You took on a role you didn't ask for and you made it your own, with grace and guts and style and humor."

Watching him, I thought, "That is a man. That is what a man looks like." His country didn't always make the most of him. But we were lucky to have him.

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Larger units on the rise in T.O.

CONDO TRENDS

Second towers adapted to market demands

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

In a large multi-phased condo project, developers learn a lot from the time they build the first tower until the second one gets underway.

In that time period, the market may change, buyers expectations change and new trends happen. It's a moving target, and it's the astute developer that listens to the market and pivots accordingly to what's in demand.

An emerging trend this year is seeing the second and third towers having larger suites than the first. New condo projects such as Peak at Emerald City, The Kennedys and SuperSonic, for example, have no studios or small one bedrooms at all.

Michoel Klugmann is the spokesperson for Lindvest, the developer and builder of Sonic Condominiums in Don Mills.

Their second building, SuperSonic, is an example of how the builder responded to market demand for larger suites. You won't find a studio at SuperSonic.

"We analyze a lot of data to come up with what the buyers want, and today, they want more for less." notes Klugmann.

He points out that it's not just the larger suite sizes that count.

Innovative thinking in terms of new and popular features can make a big difference. The design team at SuperSonic came up with a two-bedroom plus den suite that incorporates a second bathroom.

Klugmann says the unit "acts like a two-bedroom," and it completely changes the dynamic of the space. "If buyers have a certain budget in mind and they're looking to get more in the way of features, the second bathroom adds value."

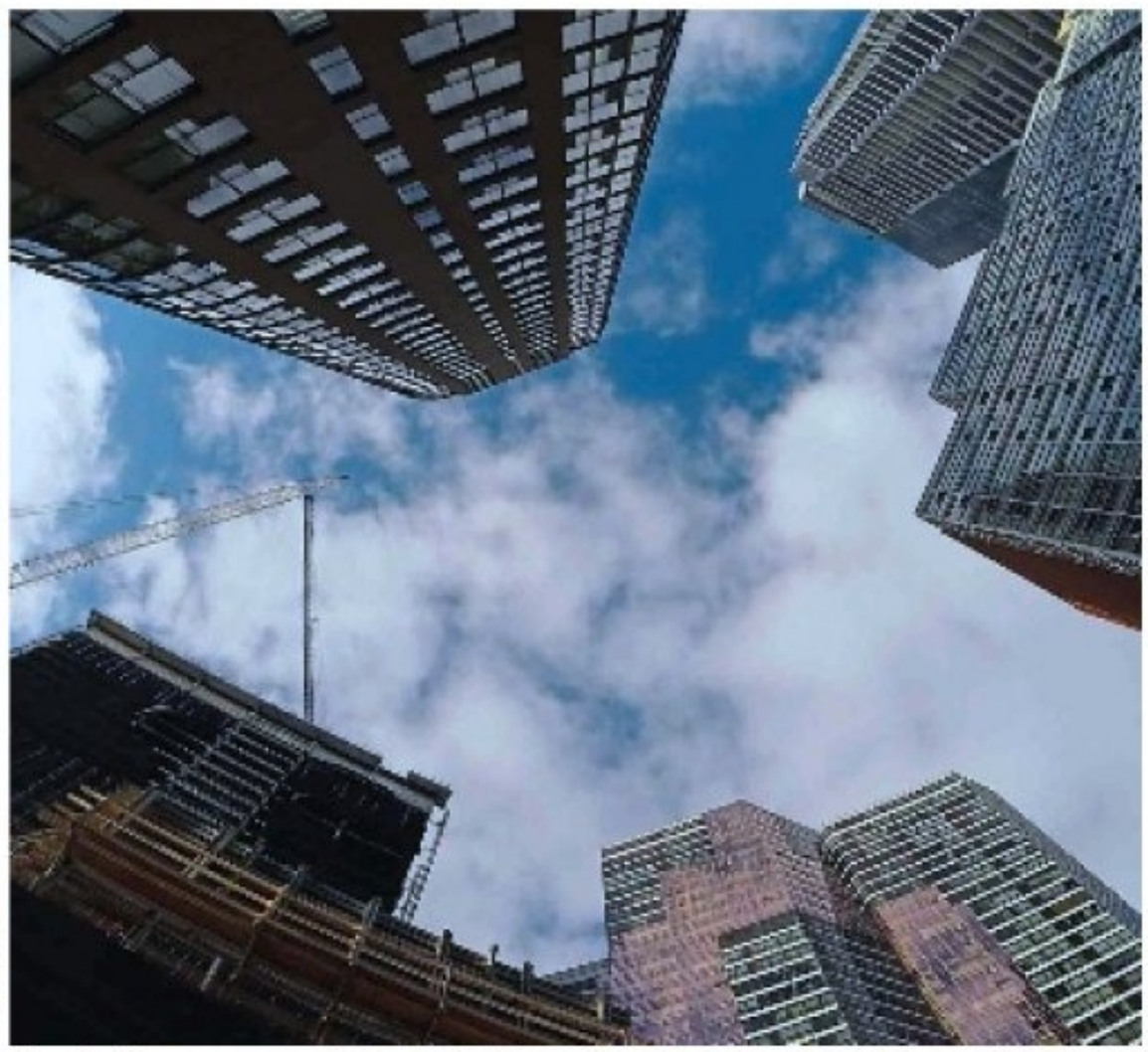
Over at the Kennedys condominiums at Kennedy Road and Highway 401, the second tower of the multi-phased development was reconfigured mid-project to 70 per cent two bedrooms and two bedrooms plus den.

"It is surprising to me to see such a dynamic market," says Kennedys spokesperson Ali Akman,

"In such a short time, it went from large units, to small units, and back again to large units."

"We were expecting a majority of our clients to be investors, singles, like students or bachelors, or single elderlies." But after the completion of the first tower, Akman and his team were in for bit of a surprise.

"It turned out that during our launch of the first building, the majority of our buyers were actual users, and there was a huge demand from recently married couples and families with one kid seeking larger units."



SuperSonic, being built at Don Mills and Eglinton, is one example of how builders are respondng to market demand for larger suites in multi-tower developments. CONTRIBUTED

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ADVICE

Land transfer tax not easy

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada

Q: My oldest brother is planning on transferring my late parent's property that he inherited from my dad a few years ago to his brothers and sisters.

There are four of us in total. Three of us own our own home and our youngest brother is a first-time homebuyer. There is an outstanding mortgage on the house and we are going to refinance and rent out the home to tenants.

What are the rules around land transfer tax and who has to pay and who doesn't?

A: That is quite generous of your older brother, but there are still taxes that need to be collected because the property transfer is not between spouses.

The government will tax the amount that is still outstanding on the mortgage with land transfer tax. In the case of your three siblings who already own property, they will have to pay their portion of the land transfer tax and you should be eligible for a rebate up to a quarter of the outstanding value of the mortgage being paid off.

However, you should be careful. If you live with someone who owns property or has in the recent past, you may be ineligible because of their ownership status.

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Location: East of Hwy 400 on Hwy7, Vaughan
Building: Two condominium towers, 53 and 51 storeys each
Sizes: From approximately 500 to 900 sq. ft.
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Suites: One bedroom, one bedroom plus den, two bedroom, two bedroom plus den, three bedroom
Status: Pre-construction phase
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Bringing new life to old spaces

Bryan Tuckey
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As we build to the province's intensification policies, more development is occurring in existing GTA communities and more heritage buildings are being integrated into new developments.

The industry works closely with municipal heritage staff to follow preservation laws set out for heritage structures and at the same time works to integrate how the structure can become a key feature within the new development.

A successful heritage redevelopment can take many forms and relies on the collaboration and expertise of developers, consultants and contractors that understand the complexities of merging historic buildings into new designs.

Whether the project will be an adaptive reuse or restoration are key considerations that a team will explore to determine how best to integrate a structure.

Adaptive reuse is the process of repurposing buildings of historic value that are no longer being used.

Features are preserved and/or modified so that the building can be used for a different purpose. For example, an abandoned factory could become the main floor of a new condo tower.

Building restoration is when a structure of historic value is enhanced to recreate what it looked like when it was first constructed.

> **A great example of a restoration in Vaughan is the old Carrville Post Office and General Store.**

Hullmark Developments' 60 Atlantic in the heart of Liberty Village is an example of an adaptive reuse project that transformed a turn-of-the-century warehouse into a new 43,000 square-foot mixed-use commercial development.

The process of transforming the structure involved eliminating things such as partitions that were not part of the original design, stripping and restoring the original beige brick walls, adding grey bricks for contrast, enhancing the heavy timber beams, high ceilings, open floor plates and large windows.

A great example of a restoration in Vaughan is the old Carrville Post Office and General Store that has been brought back to life by the Remington Group.

The 1845 structure whose exterior was restored to its original form now serves as a gluten-free vegan bakery in the centre of the village of Carrville.

Another adaptive reuse project underway is the historic Waterworks site at 505 Richmond Street West.

It dates back to 1837 and was formerly a City of Toronto's Water Works facility.

MOD Developments is transforming the massive building and industrial garage into a new horseshoe-shaped 13-storey residential and commercial development with a European-style food hall at its core.

The project not only preserves the Art Deco façade along Richmond St., it will add 290 boutique condos, a rooftop garden and a new YMCA.

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New York Rangers forward Chris Kreider has been fined $5,000 for ripping off Stars forward Cody Eakin's helmet and hitting him in the head with it

76ers bearing the fruits of The Process

NBA

Embiid leads Philadelphia to its 7th win in nine games

Joel Embiid scored 26 points, Ersan Ilyasova added 18 and the resurgent Philadelphia 76ers beat the Toronto Raptors 94-89 on Wednesday night for their seventh win in nine games.

Embiid, who was questionable because of the flu, surpassed 20 points in fewer than 30 minutes in his 10th straight game.

With Embiid leading the way, the Sixers are no longer the NBA's laughingstock. They're only 14-26 but have rejuvenated a city that has patiently waited for a winner through three miserable seasons.

DeMar DeRozan scored 25 for the Atlantic Division-leading Raptors, and Kyle Lowry had 24 points.

After DeRozan gave Toronto an 86-85 lead, Embiid made a tying free throw. Embiid then grabbed a rebound after DeRozan missed a jumper and T.J. McConnell's layup put Philadelphia ahead 88-86 with 1:09 left. Cory Joseph missed a three-pointer on Toronto's ensuing possession and McConnell sank a pair of free throws.

Embiid then blocked Lowry's shot and sent fans into a frenzy when he cupped both ears and motioned for more cheers. Fans chanted "MVP" and "Let's Go Process" while he made two free throws.

Embiid put all his skills on display on consecutive possessions early in the fourth quarter. He threw down a thunderous slam off a pass from Sergio Rodriguez and then nailed a three-pointer from the top of the circle, earning a rousing ovation. Embiid opened his arms wide and raised them high in the air as fans went wild.

Coming off a 36-point performance in a win at Brooklyn a night earlier, DeRozan missed his first six shots but finished strong with 14 points in the fourth quarter.

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DEBUT

- Forward Jared Sullinger made his first regular-season appearance for Toronto, recording eight points and three rebounds.
- Sullinger hadn't played since injuring his left foot during pre-season action.

Joel Embiid of the 76ers blocks a shot by Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas on Wednesday night in Philadelphia.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Bouchard makes return to 3rd round

Canadian Eugenie Bouchard is back in the third round of the Australian Open for the first time in two years after defeating China's Peng Shuai 7-6 (5), 6-2 on Wednesday.

Bouchard, who reached the semifinals of the Australian Open in 2014, finally closed it out after Peng saved three match points on the Canadian's serve at 5-1 in the second set.

Following her break-out year in 2014, which also saw her reach the Wimbledon final, Bouchard struggled to make it past the fourth round at the slams. Her best result last year was the third round at Wimbledon.

Her next opponent will be American Coco Vandeweghe, who defeated Pauline Parmentier of France in straight sets.

"Overall, I'm feeling better with each passing day," said Bouchard.

Also, Ottawa's Gabriela Dabrowski and Michaella Krajicek of the Netherlands won their first-round doubles match, defeating Georgia's Oksana Kalashnikova and Serbia's Aleksandra Krunic 6-2, 6-0.

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MLB

Bautista, Blue Jays make it official

Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Jose Bautista decided to test the free agent market this off-season. A return to the city where he blossomed into one of the game's top sluggers turned out to be the best fit.

The Blue Jays confirmed Wednesday that Bautista has re-signed with the team, agreeing to a one-year deal with a guaranteed base salary of $18 million US. The deal includes a $17-million mutual option for 2018 with a $500,000 buyout along with a $20-million vesting option for 2019.

Many baseball observers expected Bautista to be in a different uniform in 2017, but few predicted the tepid interest in sluggers this off-season. In addition, teams likely held off on pursuing Bautista since signing him would cost them a significant draft pick. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jose Bautista GETTY IMAGES

MAPLE LEAFS

Gardiner to carry load in Rielly's absence

Maple Leafs coach Mike Babcock borrowed language from his NFL counterparts when asked what Morgan Rielly's injury would mean to the team.

"Next man up," said the coach.

In other words, Rielly's absence for Thursday night's home game against the Rangers — he's day-to-day with a lower-body injury suffered in Tuesday's win over the Sabres — wasn't his biggest concern. The bigger question is who will replace the star defenceman.

In one sense, it's Frankie (Healthy Scratch) Corrado, whose time in purgatory has come to an end. Until Corrado earns the trust of his coach, though, he will probably see limited ice time.

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The defenceman the Leafs will lean on the most is Jake Gardiner, who will go from a supporting to leading role with Nikita Zaitsev on the top pair.

"He's played well, but he's like every player he has some dips," Babcock said of Gardiner. "He really moves the puck, he really skates. We're on him lots about his defensive details, just because we think he can get to another level as a player."

That's been the tantalizing thing about Gardiner since he first arrived in Toronto in 2011. When he's good, it seems he should be better. And when he's bad, it can feel like it's time to cut ties.

But under Babcock, Gardiner has smoothed out some of the edges. There are fewer mistakes, and it seems he's found confidence and a comfort level.

"The biggest thing is how he holds everyone accountable," Gardiner said of playing for Babcock. "Everyone is doing the exact same stuff. No matter who is on the ice, you know what's going to happen. Someone is going to have your back if you're pinching. They're always going to be in the right spots."

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BASEBALL

Former Expos star gets call from hall

Former Montreal star Tim Raines along with Jeff Bagwell, and Ivan Rodriguez have been elected to baseball's Hall of Fame, earning the honour as Trevor Hoffman and another Expos great, Vladimir Guerrero, fell just short.

Steroids-tainted stars Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens were passed over for the fifth straight year by the Baseball Writers' Association of America but received significantly more votes this time.

Bagwell drew 86.2 per cent of votes, Raines got 86 per cent and Rodriguez had 76 per cent.

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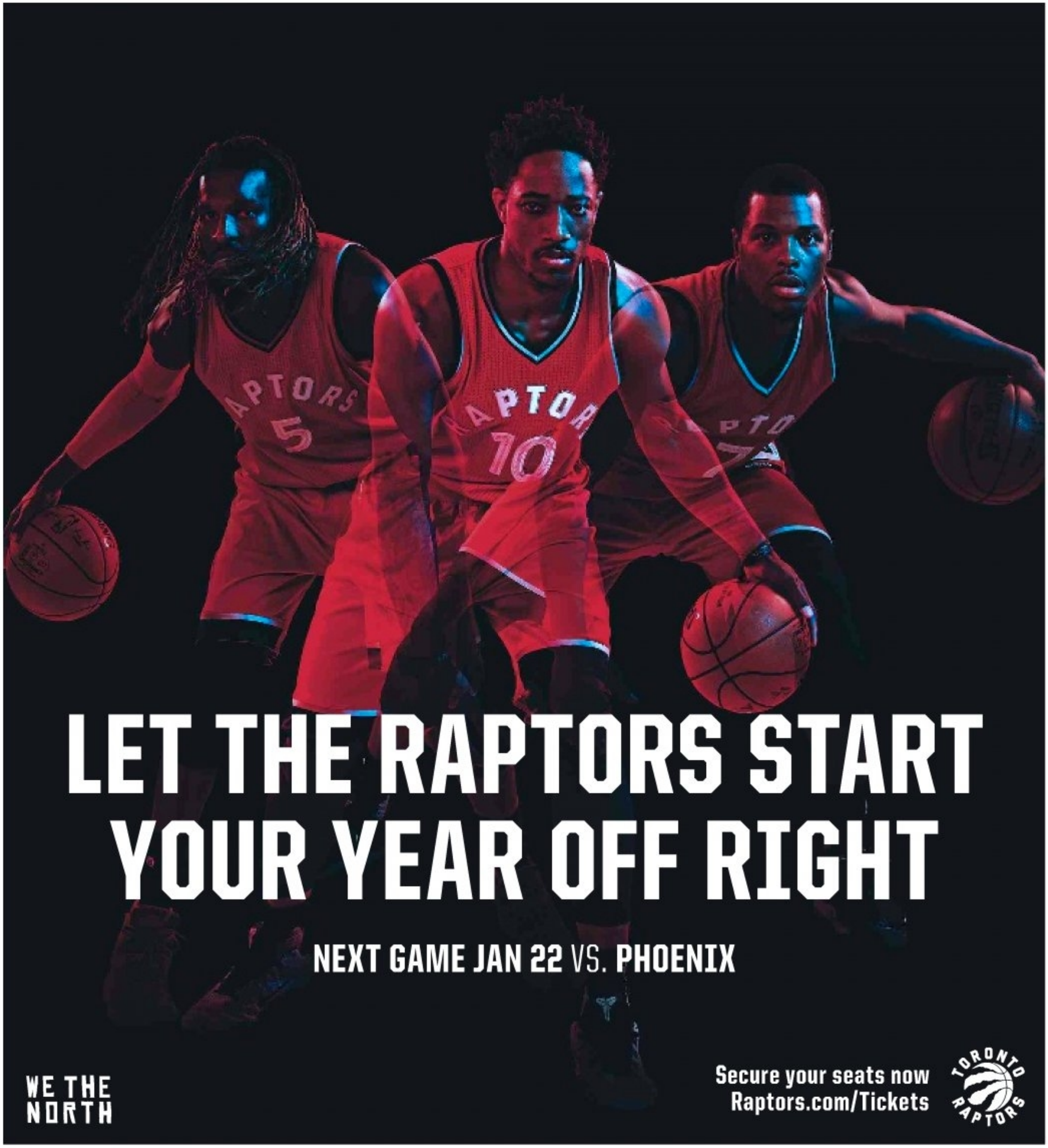
The percentage of votes players must receive to get into the hall.



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Super Bowl 'would change everything' for QB Ryan

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Championship still missing on Atlanta pivot's incomplete CV

Matt Ryan knew the question was coming.

There are four quarterbacks still standing in the NFL playoffs. Only one has failed to win a Super Bowl title.

Any guesses who that might be?

"Yeah," Ryan said dryly, pointing toward the questioner with a big smile, breaking the room up.

With his greatest season, Ryan has guided the Atlanta Falcons within two wins of their first Super Bowl title. It's a tantalizing chance to fill the glaring hole on his resumé, to take care of the biggest thing separating him from New England's Tom Brady, Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger and Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers.

Chances are he won't be considered a truly elite quarterback, the kind they start clearing a spot for in Canton, until he brings home a championship.

"He craves a Super Bowl," said former Falcons teammate Tony Gonzalez. "Absolutely it would change the national perception of him. It would change the perception he has of himself. It would change everything for him."

Ryan has certainly had a stellar career up to now. Last season wasn't up to his standards, largely because of some high-profile miscues that played a big part in the Falcons finishing 8-8 after winning their first five games.

Gonzalez compares it to his second season in the NFL, when he followed up a brilliant rookie year by leading the league in dropped passes.

"Sometimes, that's the best thing that can happen to you," said Gonzalez, who went on to play 17 seasons — the last five with Ryan and the Falcons — in a career that will certainly lead to the Hall of Fame. "It forces you to turn over every stone. That's what Matt did."

Ryan shrugs off speculation about what a victory might mean to his legacy.

"I don't think about those things all that often," he said. "Certainly not at this time of the year."

But others know how important this is.

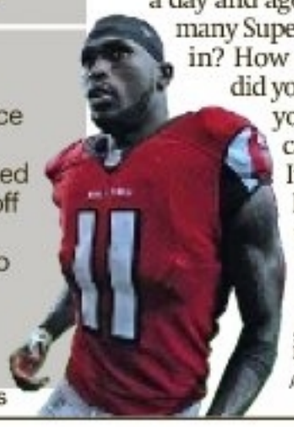
"He'll probably have Hall of Fame numbers," said Phil Simms, who was with the New York Giants for a pair of Super Bowl titles. "But we've come to a day and age where it's how many Super Bowls were you in? How many victories did you have? How did you play in the so-called big games? It's really big for his — and it's a word I hate to use — but his legacy. That's just the way it is." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Matt Ryan is in the MVP conversation after passing for 4,944 yards and 38 touchdown passes in leading the Falcons to a 11-5 record in 2016. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

JONES SITS

Falcons All-Pro wide receiver Julio Jones was held out of practice on Wednesday after aggravating his sprained toe in Saturday's playoff win over Seattle.

Jones is expected to play in Sunday's NFC championship game against Green Bay.



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AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Pats TE's zen amid pressure

To step into Martellus Bennett's world is to be in a place that is both spontaneous and full of introspection.

In his first season in New England, the Patriots tight end has brought a mellow vibe and unique personality to an organization that usually shies away from individuality.

Yet, as he prepares for the first AFC championship appearance of his nine-year career, Bennett could play a vital part in whether the Patriots get past the Steelers on Sunday and earn the franchise's ninth Super Bowl berth.

But the player who calls himself "a black unicorn" said he isn't allowing himself to get caught up in any championship fantasies or letting the moment affect an approach that has been unchanged since he was traded by Chicago to New England this off-season.

"The triple C's is how I am: cool, calm and collected. I kind of roll with it," Bennett said. "Football is such a roller coaster that I just try to streamline my emotions."

With Rob Gronkowski on injured reserve following season-ending back surgery in early December, Bennett, 29, has stepped up nicely. His career-high seven receiving touchdowns led the team during the regular season, and his 701 receiving yards were second to Julian Edelman's 1,161 yards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Martellus Bennett GETTY IMAGES

COPA DEL REY

Celta Vigo stun Real

Celta Vigo took advantage of its breakaway chances in the second half to stun Real Madrid 2-1 in the first leg of the quarter-finals of the Copa del Rey on Wednesday, handing Zinedine Zidane's team its second consecutive defeat after a record run of 40 unbeaten.

Iago Aspas netted off a counterattack in the 64th minute and set up Jonny Castro's goal after in the 70th, one minute after Marcelo had equalized for the hosts at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celta's Facundo Roncaglia checks on Marco Asensio on Wednesday in Madrid. GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

United send Depay to Lyon
Memphis Depay arrived in Lyon on Wednesday to seal a transfer from Manchester United where the winger struggled to settle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$632M

In 2015-16 Man United generated 515.3 million pounds (now about $632 million US) to overtake Real Madrid as soccer's biggest moneymaker.

Bombers bring back Nichols
Quarterback Matt Nichols signed a three-year contract extension Wednesday with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calhoun extends with L.A.
Right fielder Kole Calhoun and the Los Angeles Angels agreed to a $26 million, three-year contract Wednesday.

The sides avoided arbitration by agreeing last week on a $6.35 million, one-year deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

It's freedom 31 for ex-Jay Arencibia

Former Toronto Blue Jays catcher J.P. Arencibia is retiring after six MLB seasons.

Arencibia announced his retirement Wednesday on Twitter where he thanked all the teams he played for, reserving special praise for the Blue Jays.

"Toronto and Canada will always hold the biggest part of my heart," he wrote. "I always felt at home there."

Arencibia had a memorable debut, hitting a home run on the first big-league pitch he faced in Toronto's wild 17-11 win over Tampa Bay on Aug. 7, 2010. He went 4-for-5 in that game with two homers and three RBIs.

Arencibia hit .212 with 80 home runs and 245 RBIs over his career with Toronto, Texas and Tampa Bay. He played his last major-league game with the Rays in 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Reynolds' return was a hard road

ICE SKATING

Skater thought career was over, is very grateful to be back

Kevin Reynolds' rehabilitation from hip surgery took place in a gym adjacent to a skating rink in Burnaby, B.C.

The 26-year-old would watch the skaters at his training base at Eight Rinks, all the while not knowing if he'd ever skate again. But the three-time national silver medallist announced his return to the international ice with a bronze medal at Skate Canada International in the fall — his first-ever Grand Prix medal — and is looking forward to competing at this week's national championships in Ottawa.

"After a few months off the ice I started to really miss it, and knew I wanted to at least give it a shot and at least try to come back. And if there was pain, I would give it up at that point and move on," Reynolds said. "But the signs were all positive. Step by step, I was able to work things through and manage it."

Reynolds' career has been an unenviable roller-coaster of injuries and ill-fitting skates. He famously had to withdraw from several major competitions while he searched the globe for skates that would fit his extremely narrow feet.

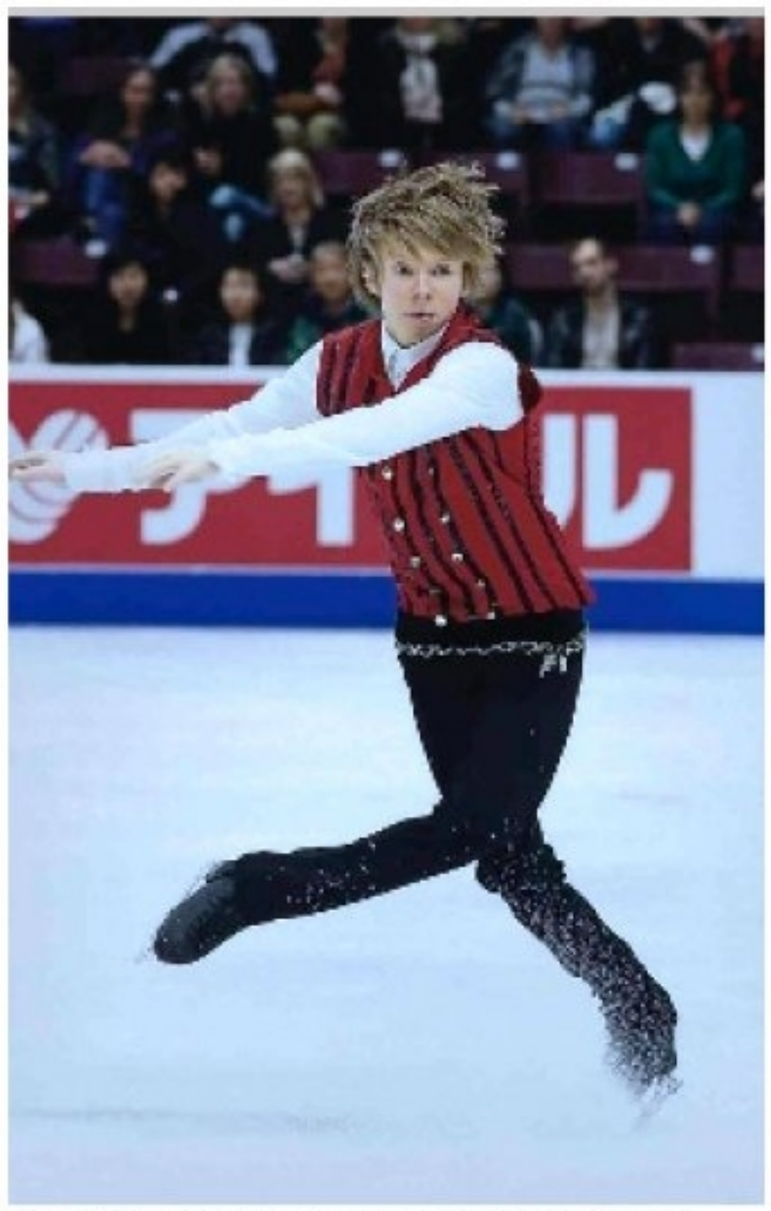
It was the hip injury though that threatened to derail his career for good. The injury forced the Coquitlam, B.C., skater to withdraw from the free program at the 2015 Canadian championships, and he underwent the surgery three months later.

"There was no continuing without (the surgery)," Reynolds said. "Even with risk of not being able to skate again, there was really no choice."

He rebounded to win bronze at last year's Canadian championships. Then, competing in his first Grand Prix event since 2012, he laid down a stunning long program at Skate Canada in Mississauga, Ont., to reach the podium. Because he'd tumbled well down the world rankings in his time off, Skate Canada was his only Grand Prix event this season

> **After a few months off the ice I started to really miss it.**
> Kevin Reynolds

Reynolds, who said next season will his last, is thankful for this second chance. He's looking at it like he's got nothing to lose. "I'm just thankful I do have this opportunity after so much struggle, after so much pain, and it's really given me lots to celebrate, even getting to this point. The senior events at the Canadian championships begin Friday at Ottawa's TD Place. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Kevin Reynolds is looking for more national championship silverware this weekend at TD Place. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

ATHLETICS

Detailed athlete analytics imminent

The Canadian Olympic Committee is teaming with a big data company to ramp up analytics for athletes.

The COC has announced an eight-year, cash-and-services sponsorship deal with SAS, an analytics software company whose clients include banks, hotels, universities and casinos.

The company's sports division has worked with the Los Angeles Kings, Orlando Magic and New York Mets as well as Major League Soccer. The pro teams often want data on season-ticket holder retention and fan experience enhancement. Athlete performance will be SAS's primary work for the COC.

"Our initial focus will be on player analytics," SAS president Cameron Dow said. "It's a lot more than a marketing partnership. It was more around how could we actually work with the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Olympic team to actually make a difference and drive results." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped onion
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) fresh grated Parmesan cheese, extra for garnish
- sea salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a large pot, place butter, asparagus and onion. Saute until vegetables are soft but crisp. Add broth and bring to a simmer, allow to simmer for 5 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, beat eggs and add Parmesan cheese. Then drizzle eggs into broth. Lightly stir until eggs are cooked. Lower heat and allow to cook another 5 minutes.

3. Ladle into bowls, sprinkle top with Parmesan and serve.

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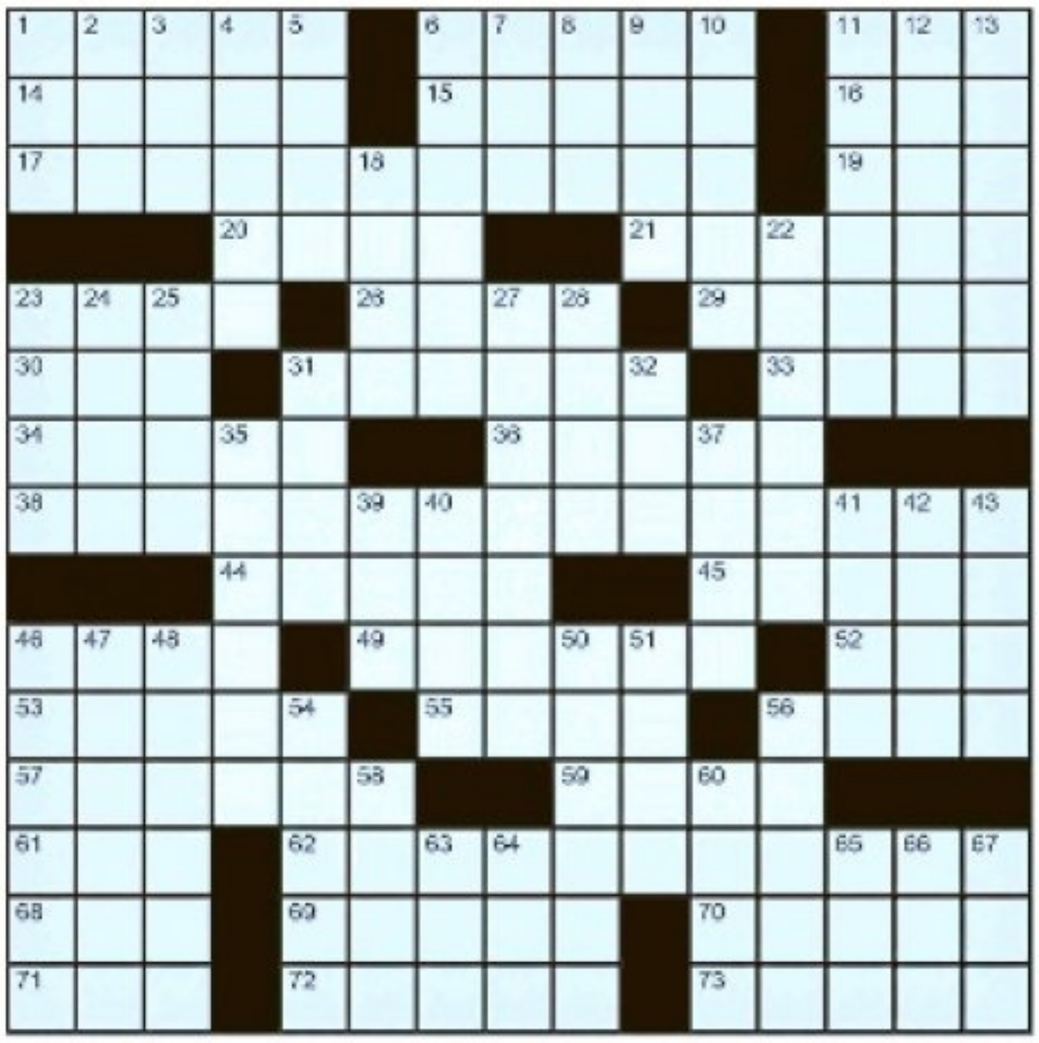

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19. Fashion designer Anna
20. Belonging to us
21. Bon Jovi's "We __ Born to Follow"
23. Unlock
26. Quick little times
29. Trench
30. Gun the engine
31. Ranch enclosure
33. Rather grey
34. Fish-holding basket
36. "The Little Mermaid" (1989) princess
38. Shakespeare's jolly knight: 3 wds.
44. White-plumed heron
45. Gambling card game
46. Country singer Mr. Church
49. Fitting/suitable
52. 'Pepper' add-on (Deli item)
53. Mr. Hall, Canadian game show host
55. Squirrel's nest
56. Coutler and Landers
57. Martin of "12 Angry Men" (1957)
59. Little bit of residue
61. Singer's trophy [acronym]
62. Canadian stage actor (b.1920 - d.2007) who performed at Stratford in roles including #38-Across: 2 wds.
68. Pastureland
69. __ record (Use the gramophone)
70. Ms. Van Doren
71. Cookies brand, __ Fields
72. Canadian Art: The Group of __
73. Skier's American destination

DOWN
1. "__ About You"
2. "__ little teapot..."
3. Napoleonic Wars marshal
4. "Happy Days" star Mr. Williams
5. Ms. Chang (ABC's "Nightline" co-anchor)
6. One using the TV clicker's temporary stoppage button
7. Horiz.
8. Large cask for wine
9. Movie's work force
10. Worked with bales on the farm, say
11. Holdings
12. "Failure to __" (2006)
13. Anvil-user's workshop
18. About: 2 wds.
22. Commercial area of Venice
23. Tolkien creatures
24. Ms. Gilpin
25. "At all?"
27. Artisan
28. Cake make, __ Lee
31. Drain problem
32. Comical Mr. Abner
35. What the pilot does before crashing
37. Behold
39. Minutes create them over time [abbr.]
40. Shortage
41. "Right Now (Na Na Na)" singer
42. "Twin Peaks" actress Sherilyn
43. Post-Thurs. days
46. Do mummy work
47. Wanderer
48. Mosaic components
50. Average
51. Vega constellation
54. Woof-woofs whiningly
56. Turkish honorifics
58. "8 __" (2002) starring Eminem
60. Jane Austen novel
63. Washroom, for short
64. Alkali
65. Official at the diamond, commonly
66. Affiliation
67. Perfect rating

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
For the next four weeks, you will be more popular. You might join a club, group or organization. Enjoy being friendly!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
People in authority will admire you during the next four weeks. Because of this, you have an advantage. Go after what you want!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If you can travel in the next four weeks, do so. Do anything that will expand your horizons, because you want adventure and a chance to learn something new.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
During the next four weeks, your focus will be on shared property, shared responsibilities and issues related to inheritances, insurance matters, taxes and debt.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Partnerships and close relationships will be a strong focus for you during the next four weeks. You will find that you can reflect upon your style of relating with others and learn something from it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will be eager to be productive and effective in everything you do during the next four weeks. That's why you will want to do an excellent job!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Fun vacations are tops on your menu throughout the next four weeks. If you can't get away on a vacation, then enjoy the arts, social outings, parties, sports events and playful times with kids.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
During the next four weeks, your focus will turn to home, family and domestic issues.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The pace of your days will accelerate during the next four weeks, because you will be busy taking short trips, running errands, talking to people and reading, writing and studying more. Busy you!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your mind will be on money, finances and cash flow more than usual during the next four weeks. Trust your moneymaking ideas!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Because the Sun in your sign for the next four weeks, you have a chance to replenish yourself for the coming year. It also will attract favourable situations and important people to you.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Work alone or behind the scenes throughout the next four weeks, because this will serve your best interests. It's a good time to make goals for the year ahead.

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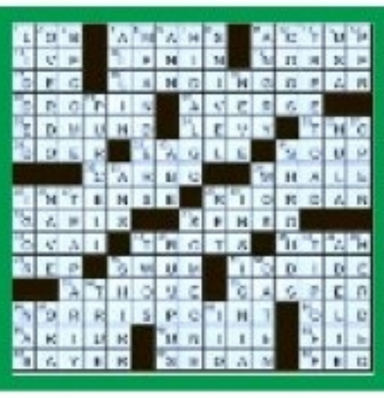

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